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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: East Asia Warning and Forecast Meeting

1. Representatives of the Intelligence Community met on 17 October 1984 to consider the attached subjects.

2. Next month's Warning and Forecast Meeting will be 14 November 1984 at 1400 hours [redacted] Please phone attendance intentions to [redacted] and have your clearances verified to us by your Security Office by COB 9 November 1984.

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Attachment:
East Asia Warning and Forecast Report

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17 October East Asia Warning and Forecast Meeting

[redacted] Assistant NIO for East Asia, opened the meeting and [redacted] presented a brief overview of conditions in the Philippines. On the negative side he reported that:

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- Filipinos are universally opposed to the continuation of Marcos' rule;
- The opposition is pressing Marcos vigorously;
- The Agrava Board report will add to the pressure;
- The armed forces are not performing well against the insurgency, which is growing, albeit slowly, in most areas.

On a more positive note he reported that:

- The May elections boded well for further movement toward democratic rule;
- Marcos appears to realize the limits of his power and is behaving somewhat less autocratically;
- Because of its unique nature, Filipino society appears to be muddling through; and,
- Any successor government will have many of the characteristics of Marcos' regime. (There will be different cronies but prebendal networks will persist.)

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China: The Buildup on the Sino-Viet Border

Elements of eight Chinese divisions are now in the vicinity of Kunming. We have so far identified three infantry and one artillery units from outside Yunnan province. Beijing's purpose behind this buildup appears threefold:

- To insure they can control the pace and scope of the fighting;
- To prevent recurrence of the counterattacks that occurred in June and July;
- To deter attacks that could embarrass China during the 1 October national day celebration.

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Prediction

In the long term, Beijing probably plans to step up pressure on Vietnam during the next dry season to help relieve pressure on the Kampuchean insurgent camps. We doubt that China plans further incursions into Vietnam.

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